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SUBJECT: UNITA CONDITIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. AT MAY 28 LUSAKA PRESS CONFERENCE
FOUR MEMBERS UNITA EXECUTIVE REJECTED CONCEPT OF LUSITANIAN
COMMUNITY. SAID UNITA STOOO FOR COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF
ANGOLA (INCLUDING CABINDA). PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY UNITA
SECRETARY GENERAL MIGUEL PUNA AS CHIEF SPOKESMAN, MILITARY
COMMANDER SAMUEL CHIWALE, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY JORGE
SANGUMBA, AND INFORMATION SECRETARY FWAMINY FERNANDES (AKA TONY
LYANDULI).

2. IN PREPARED STATEMENT UNITA SAID IT WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH
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PORTUGUESE IF PORTUGAL "IMMEDIATELY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY" ACCEPTS

FOUR CONDITIONS: (A) COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA, (B) IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL ANGOLAN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PRISONERS OF WAR IN ANGOLA AND ELSEWHERE, (C) FULL AFRICAN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN ANGOLA, INCLUDING RIGHT OF FREE ASSEMBLY AND EXPRESSION, (D) IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES AGAINST ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY WITHDRAWAL ALL MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES "WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME." IF PORTUGAL FAILED COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS, ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD CONTINUE.

3. ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM PRESS, PUNA REFERRED TO UNITA'S RECENT RECOGNITION BY OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE (LUSAKA 1030) AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GRZ SUPPORT AT YAOUNDE. REJECTING ALLEGED LONDON STATEMENT BY PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES THAT HE WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH EACH LIBERATION MOVEMENT, PUNA CALLED FOR UNITED FRONT OF ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS IN NEGOTIATIONS. SAID OUT-RIGHT AMALGAMATION OF MOVEMENTS NOT WORKABLE AT THIS TIME. AFTER INDEPENDENCE, ANGOLAN PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE WHICH PARTY HAS BEST PROGRAM.

4. COMMENTING ON DIVISION WITHIN MPLA, PUNA CONFIRMED UNITA MET WITH MPLA DISSIDENT LEADER DANIEL CHIPENDA AND FNLA INTERNAL SECRETARY KABANGA MAY 26. NOMINALLY EXPRESSING DESIRE FOR MPLA SOLVE ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS, PUNA NEVER-THELESS CRITICIZED AGOSTINHO NETO'S LEADERSHIP, SAYING "YOU CANNOT LEAD LIBERATION STRUGGLE FROM ABROAD." PUNA SAID NETO HAD REFUSED MEET UNITA EXECUTIVE MEMBERS. ASSERTED UNITA ONLY MOVEMENT ACTIVE IN EASTERN ANGOLA.

5. ASKED HOW UNITA WOULD TREAT ANGOLANS WHO HAD SERVED WITH PORTUGUESE FORCES, PUNA NOTED SOME HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ACTS. ACTUAL COLLABORATORS, HOWEVER, WERE "LOST CAUSE; THEY ALREADY KNOW THEIR FATE." IN EVENT OF WHITE UDI IN ANGOLA, PUNA SAID LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN POSITION TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION AS WHITES MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY RECRUITING SOLDIERS FROM NATO COUNTRIES. NOTED IT ESSENTIAL TRANSFER POLITICAL POWER TO AFRICANS. PUNA GAVE ASSURANCE ANY PORTUGUESE WHO WANTED REMAIN IN ANGOLA WILL BE PROTECTED AS MINORITY.

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6. RE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, PUNA INDICATED UNITA WOULD FAVOR SOCIALIST MODEL AS THEY WERE NOT GOING REPLACE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM WITH A CAPITALIST STATE. COMMENTING ON OUTSIDE INVESTMENT, PUNA SAID "IF THERE IS ANY COMPANY WHICH IS NOT GOING TO INTERFERE WITH OUR NATIONAL ECONOMIC PROGRAM, POSSIBLY WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH IT." EMPHASIZED CABINDA MUST BE PART OF AN INDEPENDENT ANGOLA. REJECTED CLAIMS BY SOME AFRICAN STATES (UNSPECIFIED) TO THE EXCLAVE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. PRESS CONFERENCE
HELD IN INCONGRUOUS SURROUNDINGS OF LUSAKA'S INTERCONTINENTAL
HOTEL. UNITA APPARENTLY WANTED MAKE GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION
AS NEWLY RECOGNIZED LIBERATION MOVEMENT. ALL QUESTIONS RECEIVED
ANSWERS AND RHETORIC MINIMAL. ALTHOUGH PUNA WAS CHIEF
SPOKESMAN, SANGUMBA SERVED AS TRANSLATOR AND ADDED MANY
EMBELLISHMENTS TO PUNA'S REMARKS. SANGUMBA, WHO STUDIED
IN U.S. AS SASP STUDENT 1964-68, ALSO UNITA REP IN LONDON.
CHIWALE, MAKING FIRST KNOWN APPEARANCE IN LUSAKA SINCE BEING
REPORTED KILLED BY PORTUGUESE IN 1969 (LUANDA A-10 OF
FEB 9, 1970), PASSIVE THROUGHOUT. NOTABLE ABSENTEE WAS SAMUEL
CHITUNDA, FORMER UNITA CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO ACCORDING PRESS
REPORT DIED FROM SUDDEN ILLNESS IN MONGU, WESTERN PROVINCE
IN JANUARY. SANGUMBA AND FERNANDES EXPECT BE IN LUSAKA
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